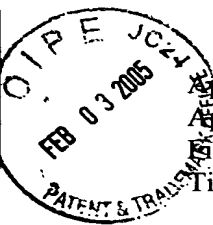


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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 1, 2004 (Paper No. 4).

The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 1, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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